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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

### 1. SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON THE BEIRUT RAID

#### A. US NOW PREPARED TO ABSTAIN . . .

AFTER SUCCESS WITH THE BRITISH AND FRENCH, USUN INFORMED THE LEBANESE REPRESENTATIVE THAT WE WILL ABSTAIN ON THE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED AND WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR IF HE COULD ACCEPT SPECIFIC FURTHER CHANGES. HE AND THE OTHER ARAB REPRESENTATIVES COULD NOT. LATE ON APRIL 20, USUN REPORTED GREAT NON- ALIGNED IRRITATION OVER OUR SUCCESS. THE MISSION, HOWEVER, BELIEVES THE ODDS ARE SLIGHTLY IN FAVOR OF THE DRAFT BEING APPROVED ON APRIL 21. ( CONFIDENTIAL) USUN 1487, 1493, 4/20.

#### C B. . . . AND THE DEPARTMENT LOOKS AHEAD

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ANTICIPATING A DIFFICULT VOTE AND A POSSIBLE CHINESE VETO, THE DEPARTMENT IS MOVING TO AVOID THE RESURRECTION OF THE UNAMENDED BRITISH- FRENCH RESOLUTION. THE DEPARTMENT SEES MERIT IN THE IDEA THAT, SHOULD THE COMPROMISE RESOLUTION FAIL, THE SECURITY COUNCIL MIGHT BE ADJOURNED WITH THE TACIT UNDERSTANDING THAT LEBANON WOULD NOT PURSUE THE QUESTION.  
( CONFIDENTIAL) STATE 075220, 4/20.

2. EMBASSY VIENTIANE PERSPECTIVE ON THE LAO CEASE- FIRE

IN A TWO- MONTH OVERVIEW OF THE LAO CEASE- FIRE, EMBASSY VIENTIANE OBSERVES THAT THE MOST STRIKING DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN THE SHARP AND CONTINUING DECLINE IN THE FREQUENCY AND INTENSITY OF MILITARY HOSTILITIES. IN SUM, THE CEASE- FIRE IS GENERALLY EFFECTIVE. THE LPF HAS NOT INTENSIFIED ITS POLITICAL AGITATION. THE SHARPEST DISAPPOINTMENT SINCE THE CEASE- FIRE HAS BEEN THE DELAY IN NEGOTIATING THE FORMATION OF A NEW COALITION GOVERNMENT. ( CONFIDENTIAL) VIENTIANE 3059, 4/20. PORTER

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